

A close-up, high-contrast portrait of Jane Fonda. She has dark, wavy hair and is looking slightly off-camera with a serious expression. Her blue eyes are prominent. She is wearing red lipstick. A blue microphone with a yellow and black 'KXLA 3' logo is positioned in front of her mouth. The background is dark and out of focus.

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The China Syndrome

Jane Fonda
Jack Lemmon
Michael Douglas

Highlights for December



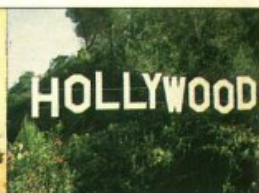
THE WIZ

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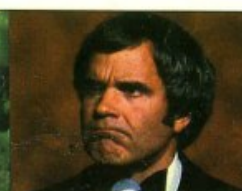
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WARLORDS OF ATLANTIS

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The China Syndrome

Jane Fonda
Jack Lemmon
Michael Douglas

Fact and fiction merge in this gripping, suspenseful, nightmare account of the potential for catastrophe in a faulty nuclear plant. Jane Fonda (Oscar for *Coming Home*) and Michael Douglas are the TV news team stumbling onto danger; and Jack Lemmon, the key official with some tough decisions to make. "An on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller" (*Houston Chronicle*) *Adult language.* (PG-2:03)

Dec. 2,6,10,15,18,21,26



Invasion of the Body Snatchers

A new kind of space threat! What would Earth life be like if arrivals from outer space were microorganisms out to transform mankind? Suspense-thriller with Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams, Leonard Nimoy. Undiluted excitement! *Violence, brief nudity.* (PG-1:55) Dec. 1,5,7,11



MAGIC

Anthony Hopkins Ann-Margret

A scary thriller; a strange, terrifying portrait of love between a man taking refuge in a world of illusion and a beautiful woman hungry for realization of youthful dreams. Anthony Hopkins, a ventriloquist; Ann-Margret, his love. *Profanity, brief nudity, violence.* (R-1:46) Dec. 3,5,8,11,14

Saturday
December 1

2:00 THE MAGIC OF LASSIE
James Stewart (G-1:39) p.4
4:00 ICE CASTLES
Robby Benson (PG-1:49) *Only play date this month*
6:00 HOOPER
Burt Reynolds (PG-1:39) *Only play date this month*
8:00 INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS
Micro-organisms from space threaten man (PG-1:55) p.5
10:00 CAPRICORN ONE
Space probe intrigue (PG-2:03) *Only play date this month*
12:15 AN EVENING WITH SAMMY DAVIS JR.
Only play date this month

Sunday
December 2

2:00 MATILDA
(G-1:43) *Only play this month*
4:00 WHO IS KILLING THE GREAT CHEFS OF EUROPE?
(PG-1:52) *Only play this month*
6:00 CALIFORNIA SUITE
Four stories, eight stars (PG-1:43) *Only play date this month*
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 THE CHINA SYNDROME
Nuclear terror (PG-2:03) p.4
10:15 RICH LITTLE AND THE GREAT PRETENDERS
On Location. p.22
11:45 THE BOYS IN COMPANY C
(R-2:06) *Only play this month*

The Magic of Lassie

James Stewart

The world's most famous canine makes a dramatic return to the screen in her first feature in more than a quarter century. James Stewart, Mickey Rooney, Alice Faye and Pernell Roberts join America's favorite collie. The Sherman Brothers, who composed the songs for *Mary Poppins*, have written 12 brand-new tunes. (G-1:39) Dec. 1,6



Walt Disney's Herbie Rides Again

That lovable little car with a mind of its own is back. Herbie, VW star of *The Love Bug*, thinks, flies through the air—even races up and down San Francisco hills. Helen Hayes is the nice lady living in a seedy firehouse whom Herbie tries to help. "Grade-A Disney delight" (*Christian Science Monitor*) *Family fare.* (G-1:37) Dec. 8,11,24

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Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas

From the Creators of the Muppets

Jim Henson created an all-new cast of Muppet characters for this captivating, award-winning Christmas story which returns to HBO. A warm-hearted tale of love, generosity and loyalty, as Emmet and his mother compete against a band of toughs in a local talent contest. Charming entertainment for the family holiday season. **Dec. 5,10,13,16,19,22,25**

Slow Dancing in the Big City

A struggling ballerina falls in love with a tough big-city newsman in a tender love story. Paul Sorvino and Anne Ditchburn co-star in this romantic film directed by John G. Avildsen (*Rocky*). *Mild profanity.* (PG-1:51) **Dec. 4,9,14,18**



Inside the NFL

As the season builds to an exciting climax and play-off action begins, fans get the best of the week's big plays—every week—in this HBO series. Plus expert analyses by former champs Nick Buoniconti and Len Dawson. **Dec. 6,7; 13,14; 20,21; 27,28**



It Lives Again

This chiller of genes gone wrong and murder at the hands of infants is the shocking sequel to *It's Alive*. Expert lighting and sound, ingenious effects and brilliant music help build the horror. *Profanity; violence; gore.* (R-1:31) **Dec. 3,7,16,19,22**



Come along and meet Wonderwoman Lynda Carter, Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly on the set of *Xanadu*. HBO's roving eye focuses on glamorous personalities and insider happenings around the movie capital. **Dec. 5,9**

Monday December 3

6:30 LEGEND OF THE NORTHWEST

The loyalty of a man and his dog (PG-1:18) p.13

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 IT LIVES AGAIN

Horror, suspense and murder at the hands of infants (R-1:31) p.7

9:30 WHODUNIT?

Unsolved mysteries. p.19

10:30 MAGIC

Psychological thriller with a split-personality ventriloquist (R-1:46) p.5

12:30 IT LIVES AGAIN

Kathleen Lloyd (R-1:31) p.7

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Tuesday December 4

6:00 UNCLE JOE SHANNON

Burt Young (PG-1:48) p.10

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 THE LAST WAVE

A mystery, a thriller and an allegory all rolled into one (PG-1:46) p.7

10:00 AGATHA

The case of the missing mystery writer, Agatha Christie (PG-1:38) p.15

11:45 SLOW DANCING IN THE BIG CITY

Vulnerable dancer meets tough newsman (PG-1:51) p.6

Wednesday December 5

5:30 INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS

Super Sci-fi (PG-1:55) p.5

7:30 HOLLYWOOD

HBO exclusive. p.7

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 EMMET OTTER'S JUG-BAND CHRISTMAS

Kermit the Frog hosts (:50) p.6

9:00 YOUNG COMEDIANS

Victor Borge hosts. p.14

10:30 THE ENFORCER

(R-1:35) *Only play this month*

12:15 MAGIC

Ann-Margret (R-1:46) p.14

Thursday December 6

6:00 THE MAGIC OF LASSIE

James Stewart, Mickey Rooney, Alice Faye (G-1:39) p.4

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 INSIDE THE NFL

"Cosmic Football" plus all the week's big plays. p.7

9:00 THE CHINA SYNDROME

Tense drama inside a nuclear plant with problems. Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda. (PG-2:03) p.4

11:00 INSIDE THE NFL

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12:00 TOMMY

Ann-Margret (PG-1:50)

Only play date this month



The Last Wave

Richard Chamberlain

A thinking man's thriller about a lawyer's mystifying links with the supernatural. Richard Chamberlain stars in a compelling journey into that world of the imagination where the line between natural and supernatural vanishes. "A visual triumph" (*L.A. Times*) *Adult language; violence.* (PG-1:46) **Dec. 4,8,13,19,23**

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The Brink's Job

Peter Falk

A wild, offbeat, comic adventure re-creating one of history's most dramatic robberies. Peter Falk (*Columbo*, *The Cheap Detective*) leads the unlikely gang pulling off the famous heist. Peter Boyle, Allen Goorwitz, Warren Oates, Paul Sorvino, Gerald Murphy and Kevin O'Connor are partners in crime. Directed by William Friedkin (*French Connection*) "Expert clowning" (*Variety*) *Profanity*. (PG-1:58) Dec. 9,13,17,21,29



Diana Ross Richard Pryor Michael Jackson Lena Horne

"Ease On Down the Road" to the Emerald City with Dorothy, Toto, the Cowardly Lion, Tinman and Scarecrow in this delightful, updated musical version of *The Wizard of Oz*. Diana Ross is Dorothy, whisked off to a fantasyland. Richard Pryor's the Wizard; Nipsey Russell, the Tinman; and Lena Horne, Glinda, the Good Witch, in this film of the Broadway hit. "Movie magic" (Rex Reed) (G-2:13) Dec. 7,12,16,22,25,27

Friday
December 7

5:30 LEGEND OF THE
NORTHWEST

Marshall Reed, Denver Pyle
(PG-1:18) p.13

7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday Show. p.7

Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 THE WIZ

Musical with Diana Ross as
Dorothy in Oz (G-2:13) p.9

10:30 IT LIVES AGAIN

Clever sequel to *It's Alive*—the
chiller with a killer baby

(R-1:31) p.7

12:00 INVASION OF THE
BODY SNATCHERS

Nifty Sci-fi (PG-1:55) p.5

Saturday
December 8

2:30 THE CHALLENGE OF
RIN TIN TIN

The return of Hollywood's most
famous canine star (1:17) p.19

4:00 UNCLE JOE SHANNON

Touching drama (PG-1:48) p.10

6:00 HERBIE RIDES AGAIN

Disney delight (G-1:37) p.5

Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 INGLORIOUS

BASTARDS

Escaping WWII prisoners on
dangerous road (1:33) p.9

9:30 THE LAST WAVE

Occult matters Down Under
(PG-1:46) p.7

11:30 MAGIC

Pulsating terror (R-1:46) p.5

Sunday
December 9

2:00 HOLLYWOOD p.7

2:30 SLOW DANCING

Paul Sorvino (PG-1:51) p.6

4:30 ALICE DOESN'T LIVE

HERE ANYMORE

Original *Alice* (PG-1:40) p.11

6:30 LEGEND OF THE

NORTHWEST

Action tale (PG-1:18) p.13

Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 THE BRINK'S JOB

The robbery (PG-1:58) p.8

10:00 YOUNG COMEDIANS

SHOW p.14

11:30 WHODUNIT?

Unsolved mysteries. p.19

12:30 AGATHA

Dustin Hoffman (PG-1:38) p.15



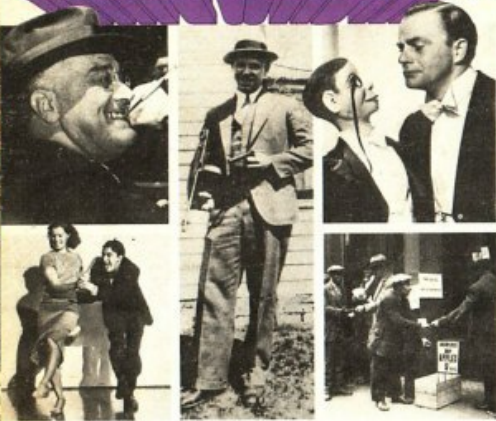
Inglorious Bastards

Bo Svenson

Fred Williamson

Plenty of action in this rugged war-time drama shown on HBO for the first time in America! Bo Svenson (*Final Chapter—Walking Tall*) and pro football star Fred Williamson head the courageous Allied prisoners who escape and head for Switzerland. *Profanity*, war-type violence. (1:33) Dec. 8,12,16,20,28

TIME WAS... THE THIRTIES



The second of HBO's nostalgic, entertaining and exclusive six-part series focuses on a decade that began in national depression and moved to national "escape" as the entertainment industry captured America's energies. The '30s: radio in its heyday, Lou Gehrig at bat, Europe at war, and much of America on bread lines. Host Dick Cavett takes you back in time with classic newsreel footage, gangsters on and off-screen, jitterbugs, FDR, the New Deal. **Dec. 10,14,19,22,30**

Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore

Ellen Burstyn won an Oscar as the attractive widow struggling to become her own person. Kris Kristofferson co-stars. *Profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:40) **Dec. 9,15,18**



Harry Blackstone's Magical Tour

Watch closely and—presto!—magician Blackstone appears . . . and disappears, as do singers, dancers, an elephant, tiger, doves, canaries, pigeons and ducks. See Blackstone's entire lavish act on TV for the first time. **Dec. 12,16,24**



Looking for Mr. Goodbar

Diane Keaton reveals her acting versatility in this shocker. It pulls no punches in recounting a lonely woman's nightmarish journey through the singles bars and one-night stands. *Profanity, strong sexual content, brutality.* (R-2:16) **Dec. 11,15,30**

Uncle Joe Shannon

Burt Young (*Rocky*), a down-and-out trumpeter, and Doug McKeon, a 10-year-old with a bleak future, win against heavy odds. *Adult language.* (PG-1:48) **Dec. 4,8,10**

Monday December 10

6:00 UNCLE JOE SHANNON
Man with a past (PG-1:48) p.10
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 TIME WAS... The 30s
The second of HBO's exclusive six-part series. p.10
9:00 EMMETT OTTER'S JUG-BAND CHRISTMAS
All new Muppets (0:50) p.6
10:00 AN UNMARRIED WOMAN
Single blessedness (R-2:04) p.11
12:15 THE CHINA SYNDROME
Jane Fonda (PG-2:03) p.4

Tuesday December 11

5:00 INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS
Donald Sutherland and Leonard Nimoy in a real thriller (PG-1:55) p.5
7:00 HERBIE RIDES AGAIN
A VW wrecks three Lincolns! (G-1:37) p.5
Tonight's Highlight:
9:00 LOOKING FOR MR. GOODBAR
Diane Keaton seeks life in a singles bar (R-2:16) p.11
11:15 MAGIC
Spooky thriller (R-1:46) p.5

Wednesday December 12

6:00 AGATHA
Baffling mystery-romance with Dustin Hoffman (PG-1:38) p.15
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 HARRY BLACKSTONE'S MAGICAL TOUR
Dancing, comedy, music and magic. p.11
9:00 THE WIZ
Oz rocks (G-2:13) p.9
11:15 WHODUNIT?
A second look at evidence in unsolved mysteries. p.19
12:15 INGLORIOUS BASTARDS
WWII prisoners (1:33) p.9

Thursday December 13

5:00 THE LAST WAVE
Eerie story (PG-1:46) p.7
7:00 EMMETT OTTER'S JUG-BAND CHRISTMAS
1978 Award Winner! (0:50) p.6
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 INSIDE THE NFL
The week's big plays. p.7
9:00 THE BRINK'S JOB
Dis-organized crime comedy (PG-1:58) p.8
11:00 INSIDE THE NFL
See earlier listing.
12:00 YOUNG COMEDIANS
Fresh comedy talent. p.14

An Unmarried Woman

Jill Clayburgh
Alan Bates

She laughs, she cries, feels anger, guilt, loneliness. She makes love, makes breakfast, makes do. Jill Clayburgh, in her Oscar-nominee role, and Alan Bates co-star in this film nominated as Best Picture, Best Screenplay. *Nudity, adult language.* (R-2:04) **Dec. 10,14,19,27**





Rich Little's "A Christmas Carol"

There's a multitude of Riches in this version of Dickens' classic Christmas story. Scrooge is a lot like "W.C. Fields," and "Paul Lynde" and "Edith Bunker" are the Cratchits, as a Christmas list of characters keep popping up—"Laurel and Hardy," "Richard Nixon," "Humphrey Bogart," "Jack Benny," "Johnny Carson" and more! It's all Little in this one-man showcase by the top impressionist in the country today.

Dec. 16, 19, 21, 23, 25

Night of the Young Heavyweights

See tomorrow's champs today! Direct from Atlantic City, HBO presents a three-hour card showcasing the three best young undefeated heavyweights today. Watch Greg Page (4-0) of Louisville, punching solidly and shuffling like Ali; Gerry Conney (19-0), a 6' 5" New Yorker with a wicked right hook; and Philadelphia's Randy Cobb (9-0). Dec. 14.



Legend of the Northwest

Bearheart, legendary German shepherd, lives two lives: in the wilds and with people who care for him. He performs heroically for those he loves. An action-suspense adventure for the family. Mild violence. (PG-1:18) Dec. 3, 7, 9, 15, 18

Friday
December 14

5:00 SLOW DANCING IN THE BIG CITY

Paul Sorvino (PG-1:51) p.6

7:00 INSIDE THE NFL

Repeat of Thursday show. p.7

8:00 TIME WAS... The '30s

From the Great Depression to the great escape. p.10

Tonight's Highlight:

9:00 NIGHT OF THE YOUNG HEAVYWEIGHTS

Three undefeated boxers put their records on the line. An HBO exclusive! (Live) p.13

11:00 MAGIC

Spooky music (R-1:46) p.5

12:45 UNMARRIED WOMAN

Alan Bates (R-2:04) p.11

Saturday
December 15

2:00 LEGEND OF THE NORTHWEST

Adventure tale (PG-1:18) p.13

3:30 ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE

Ellen Burstyn (PG-1:40) p.11

5:30 THE CHINA SYNDROME

Jack Lemmon (PG-2:03) p.4

Tonight's Highlight:

7:30 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Holiday Treat (G-1:32) p.13

9:00 LOOKING FOR MR. GOODBAR

Richard Gere (R-2:16) p.11

11:15 YOUNG COMEDIANS

Funnymen on the rise. p.14

12:45 WHODUNIT? p.19

Sunday
December 16

3:00 THE CHALLENGE OF RIN TIN TIN

He's back! (1:17) p.19

4:30 EMMET OTTER

Absolutely delightful! (0:50) p.6

5:30 THE WIZ

Lena Horne (G-2:13) p.9

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 RICH LITTLE'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

He plays all the parts! p.12

9:00 HARRY BLACKSTONE

His magical tour. p.11

10:00 INGLOURIOUS BASTARDS

WWII action (1:33) p.9

11:30 IT LIVES AGAIN

Chiller (R-1:31) p.7



The Christmas That Almost Wasn't

A holiday treat for the entire family—and a holiday tradition at HBO! A charming musical filled with good cheer. A Scrooge-like zillionaire buys the North Pole and children from around the world come to Santa's rescue. A tuneful entertainment combining live action and animation. Rossano Brazzi and Paul Tripp star. (1:32) Dec. 15, 20, 23, 25



1979 U.S. Team Gymnastics Championships

The grace, beauty and excitement of women's championship competition come together in this spectacular event. The nation's finest world-class women gymnasts from the best clubs will meet in team competition. Top contenders should be California's Kips and Seats, Pennsylvania's Parkettes, Muriel Grossfeld's Connecticut squad and Linda Methany's Oregon Academy. **Dec. 18, 20, 23**

Young Comedians Show

Victor Borge brings you the best of the current crop of comic talent—the stars of the future. Get ready for some zany, unpredictable, rip-roaring humor in HBO *On Location*'s fourth annual comedy roundup. **Dec. 5, 9, 13, 15, 17**

Monday December 17

6:00 AGATHA

What *may* have happened when famed Agatha Christie disappeared (PG-1:38) p.15

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 THE LION IN WINTER

"Best picture of the year" (*N.Y. Film Critics*) (PG-2:14) p.15

10:30 THE BRINK'S JOB

Mayhem and humor in old Boston (PG-1:58) p.8

12:30 YOUNG COMEDIANS SHOW

Victor Borge hosts the HBO series that discovered Robin Williams and Andy Kaufman. p.14

Tuesday December 18

6:00 SLOW DANCING IN THE BIG CITY

Heartbreak story (PG-1:51) p.6

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 U.S. WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Top clubs meet. p.14

9:00 LEGEND OF THE NORTHWEST

Denver Pyle (PG-1:18) p.13

10:30 THE CHINA SYNDROME

Explosive (PG-2:03) p.4

12:30 ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE

Oscar winner (PG-1:40) p.11

Wednesday December 19

5:00 THE LAST WAVE

Scary tale (PG-1:46) p.7

7:00 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS

Captivating (0:50) p.6

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 HOLLYWOOD

Brand new edition. p.15

8:30 "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Many faces of Rich Little! p.12

9:30 TIME WAS... The 30s

Innovative technique. p.10

10:30 IT LIVES AGAIN

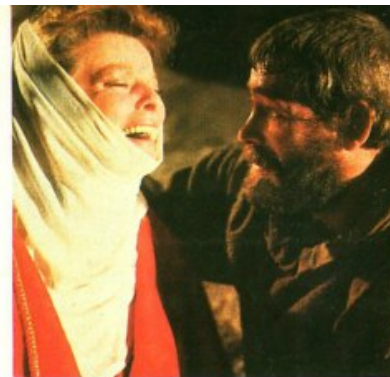
Special effects (R-1:31) p.7

12:00 UNMARRIED WOMAN

Alan Bates (R-2:04) p.11



Chat with Kenny Rogers. Visit Natalie Cole at home. Let escort David Sheehan take you to the premiere of Bette Midler's *The Rose*. And savor the sparkle of the stars' Christmas shopping—including singing carols with Carroll O'Connor and the cast of "Archie's Place" at Carroll's restaurant, The Ginger Man. **Dec. 19, 23, 26**



The Lion in Winter

A battle royal of the sexes between a strong-willed king and his queen. Peter O'Toole as Henry II and Katharine Hepburn as Eleanor of Aquitaine play for power, politics—and even love. Kate won her third Oscar for this performance; the movie won three altogether. *Adult language.* (PG-2:14) **Dec. 17, 21, 23, 26, 29**

Thursday December 20

5:30 INGLORIOUS BASTARDS

Prisoners of war (1:33) p.9

7:00 U.S. WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

See all major clubs. p.14

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 INSIDE THE NFL

In-depth look at last week. p.7

9:00 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T

Modern Scrooge (G-1:32) p.13

10:30 INSIDE THE NFL

See earlier listing.

11:30 AGATHA

Timothy Dalton (PG-1:38) p.15



Agatha

Vanessa Redgrave Dustin Hoffman

A mystery-romance about the mid-'20s disappearance of famous writer Agatha Christie. *What may have happened* is as suspenseful as anything she wrote. Vanessa Redgrave (Oscar for *Julia*) is the focus of a British manhunt; Dustin Hoffman, a newsman out for the truth. *Adult relationships.* (PG-1:38) **Dec. 4, 9, 12, 17, 20**



Circus World Championships

Spectacle, pageantry, tension and excitement are in the air (and on the ground) in this championship competition of the world's finest circus performers. Finalists in four areas of circus artistry—foot-juggling, springboard acrobatics, flying trapeze and escapology (only 3 minutes to get free!) compete for a world title. From London, the medals presentation is made by Miss World. Center ring seats for the family! **Dec. 21, 29, 31**

**Friday
December 21**

5:00 THE CHINA SYNDROME
Scott Brady (PG-2:03) p.4
7:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.7
Tonight's Highlights:
8:00 CIRCUS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
World's finest circus artists in keen competition. p.16
9:00 THE LION IN WINTER
Contest of wits between a king and his queen (PG-2:14) p.15
11:15 RICH LITTLE'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
Hilarious tour-de-force. p.12
12:15 THE BRINK'S JOB
Gena Rowlands (PG-1:58) p.8

**Saturday
December 22**

3:30 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS
Warm, wonderful (0:50) p.6
4:30 THE WIZ
Richard Pryor (G-2:13) p.9
7:00 TIME WAS ... The '30s
Dick Cavett, host. p.10
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 THE 5TH MUSKETEER
Derring-do (PG-1:43) p.17
10:00 EMMET OTTER'S CHRISTMAS
From the creators of the Muppets (0:50) p.6
11:00 TIME WAS ... The '30s
Rare newreel clips. p.10
12:00 IT LIVES AGAIN
Scary! (R-1:31) p.7

**Sunday
December 23**

3:00 "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
It's Rich Little's version! p.12
4:00 THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T
Musical comedy (G-1:32) p.13
5:30 THE LION IN WINTER
Royal battle (PG-2:14) p.15
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 A LITTLE ROMANCE
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Shop with the stars. p.15
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A Little Romance Laurence Olivier

A warm tale of young love at that elusive moment between childhood and adult awareness. Two remarkable youngsters, American Diane Lane and French Thelouis Bernard, join Sir Laurence Olivier, a dapper Parisian pickpocket who can't resist a romantic conspiracy. Sally Kellerman and Arthur Hill are the girl's parents. "A magical quality like a modern fairy tale" (Rona Barrett) *Some profanity.* (PG-1:48) **Dec. 23, 27, 31**



The 5th Musketeer

Duels to the death, mistaken identity, court intrigue, lavish sets and costumes—an epic adventure in the swash-buckling tradition! Beau Bridges heads an all-star cast including Rex Harrison, Olivia de Havilland, Lloyd Bridges, Jose Ferrer. "As light entertainment its appeal is undeniable." (*Chicago Tribune*) *Adult situations.* (PG-1:43) **Dec. 22, 24, 26, 29**

EDDIE CANTOR



The Goldwyn Production of Ziegfeld's Broadway Smash!

Comedian Eddie Cantor at his most hilarious in one of Hollywood's first color musicals! The famous Goldwyn Girls perform some of Busby Berkeley's earliest dance routines, forerunners of his spectaculars to come. This celebrated film has remained virtually unavailable for audiences for the past 50 years. It is as delightful today as it was half a century ago. Watch for a very young Betty Grable. (1:30) Dec. 24,28,30



Warlords of Atlantis

The lost kingdom of Atlantis springs to life on the ocean bottom. Prehistoric monsters still roam the land ruled by Cyd Charisse and Daniel Massey. Doug McClure's earthlings have some close encounters. *Horror effects.* (PG-1:36) Dec. 25,29,31



Battlestar Galactica

A space ship more than a mile long carries a destroyed planet's only survivors to a safe haven on planet Earth. Lorne Greene is at the helm in this theatrical film version of the great sci-fi adventure. *Adult situations.* (PG-2:05) Dec. 26,30

Whodunit? *The Greatest Unsolved Mysteries* A visual police file re-creating some of history's most famous crimes and still unsolved cases. You become the detective. Dec. 3,9,12,15

Monday
December 24

5:30 **THE CHALLENGE OF RIN TIN TIN**
Rinty's back to thrill another generation (1:17) p.19
7:00 **HARRY BLACKSTONE'S MAGICAL TOUR**
His entire act on TV for the first time! p.11
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 **WHOOPEE**
First chance in 50 years to see this classic musical! (1:30) p.18
9:30 **HERBIE RIDES AGAIN**
Fast, furious fun (G-1:37) p.5
11:15 **THE 5TH MUSKETEER**
Beau Bridges (PG-1:43) p.17

Christmas
December 25

3:30 **CIRCUS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Trapeze and acrobatics competition. p.16
4:30 **THE CHRISTMAS THAT ALMOST WASN'T**
Song-filled (G-1:32) p.13
6:00 **EMMET OTTER**
Kermit the Frog, host (0:50) p.6
7:00 **RICH LITTLE'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**
Rich does it all! p.12
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 **WARLORDS OF ATLANTIS**
Deadly terror (PG-1:36) p.19
10:00 **THE WIZ**
Michael Jackson (G-2:13) p.9

Wednesday
December 26

5:00 **HOLLYWOOD**
Up-to-date happenings in the film capitol. p.15
5:30 **THE LION IN WINTER**
Peter O'Toole (PG-2:14) p.15
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA**
Swashbuckling in inter-planetary space (PG-2:05) p.19
10:30 **THE 5TH MUSKETEER**
All-star cast (PG-1:43) p.17
12:15 **THE CHINA SYNDROME**
A thriller with a message (PG-2:03) p.4

Thursday
December 27

5:30 **THE WIZ**
Nipsey Russell as the Tinman (G-2:13)
Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
Memorable playoff games plus last week's highlights. p.7
9:00 **A LITTLE ROMANCE**
Charming, sophisticated comedy of adolescents yearning for love. (PG-1:48) p.17
11:00 **INSIDE THE NFL**
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12:00 **AN UNMARRIED WOMAN**
Written and directed by Paul Mazursky (R-2:04) p.11



The Challenge of Rin Tin Tin

The one and only Rin Tin Tin, mightiest canine star of them all, returns in an exciting action-adventure to thrill the entire family. The brave, loyal shepherd, now the mascot of a U.S. fort in the Old West, helps his human buddies out of some very tight spots with a band of renegade Comanches who have ideas of their own about the fort. (1:17) Dec. 8,16,24,28



Good Guys Wear Black

Secret negotiations, dirty tricks, State Department cover-ups and a politically inspired murder plot are key elements in this action-adventure film. As a betrayed Vietnam veteran, Chuck Norris, six-time undefeated world middleweight karate champion, displays the charm, talent and physical agility that made him the idol of martial arts fans. Anne Archer and Dana Andrews are also in the cast. "Abundant action . . . stunts are superior." (*Variety*) *Violence, adult language.* (PG-1:36) **Dec. 28**

Winter Kills

Jeff Bridges

A mysterious, exciting and altogether fascinating suspense yarn about the true powers controlling America—and how far they will go to keep that power. The story may remind you of a famous American political clan. Jeff Bridges, John Huston, Anthony Perkins, Richard Boone, Eli Wallach, Sterling Hayden, Dorothy Malone and beautiful Belinda Bauer head a stellar cast. "Fast and handsome and entertaining . . . crazy vitality" (*N.Y. Times*) *Adult situations and language; violence.* (R-1:37) **Dec. 30**



**Friday
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Rinty aids U.S. forces in the Old West. (1:17) p.19
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Tonight's Highlight:
8:00 GOOD GUYS WEAR BLACK
Furious kung-fu plus suspense (PG-1:36) p.20
10:00 WHOOPÉE
Early Busby Berkeley choreography! (1:30) p.18
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Fred Williamson (1:33) p.9

**Saturday
December 29**

2:30 THE LION IN WINTER
Peter O'Toole (PG-2:14) p.15
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Dumas' man-in-the-iron-mask royal mystery (PG-1:43) p.17
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8:00 THE BELL JAR
From Sylvia Plath novel. Marilyn Hassett stars (R-1:54) p.21
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Nifty fantasy (PG-1:36) p.19
11:45 THE BRINK'S JOB
Peter Falk (PG-1:58) p.8

**Sunday
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3:00 BATTLESTAR GALACTICA
Ray Milland (PG-2:05) p.19
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Radio was in its heyday. p.10
6:30 WHOOPÉE
Great Eddie Cantor in one of the first color movies (1:30) p.18
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Suspense drama of international power brokers (R-1:37) p.21
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Space war (PG-2:05) p.19
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From best-seller (R-2:16) p.11

The Bell Jar

**Marilyn Hassett
Julie Harris**

Six months in the early life of a talented writer whose bouts with mental illness later ended in tragedy. Marilyn Hassett portrays one woman's search for identity; Julie Harris, her mother. From Sylvia Plath's novel. "Mother-daughter conflict with an impacted love that rings true" (*N.Y. Post*) *Nudity; profanity; adult situations.* (R-1:54) **Dec. 29**





Billy Crystal

Here it is, BURLESQUE!

George Carlin

Richard Pryor

Last Laughs of the '70s!

Martin Mull

Gala New Year's Eve nightclub entertainment right in your own home! Non-stop laughter with five super shows in a row! Start with *Billy Crystal*, enjoy the comedy and music of *Here It Is, Burlesque!*, join *Richard Pryor in Concert*, roar at *George Carlin Again!* and end early morn with *Martin Mull*. Happy 1980! **Dec. 31**

New Year's Eve December 31

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Circus artistry. p.16

4:00 A LITTLE ROMANCE

Diane Lane (PG-1:48) p.17

6:00 WARLORDS OF ATLANTIS

Giant octopus crushes a ship in its tentacles (PG-1:36) p.19

Tonight's Highlight:

8:00 THE BIG SLEEP

Blackmail tale (R-1:40) p.22

Laugh in the New Year with:

10:00 BILLY CRYSTAL

11:00 HERE IT IS, BURLESQUE!

12:30 RICHARD PRYOR

1:30 GEORGE CARLIN

3:00 MARTIN MULL p.22

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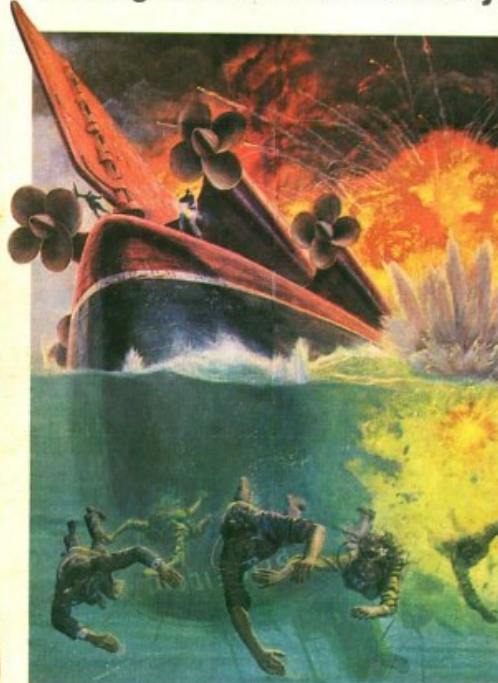


The Big Sleep

Robert Mitchum

Who's the toughest private eye who ever wore a trench coat, slapped a dame or split knuckles on a jawbone? Philip Marlowe, of course! Robert Mitchum is Marlowe. Co-starring are Sarah Miles, Candy Clark, Richard Boone, Joan Collins. "Mitchum... once again Marlowe and, once again, excellent" (*Hollywood Reporter*) *Nudity, adult language.* (R-1:40) **Dec. 31.**

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Urban life in '60s (PG-2:01)

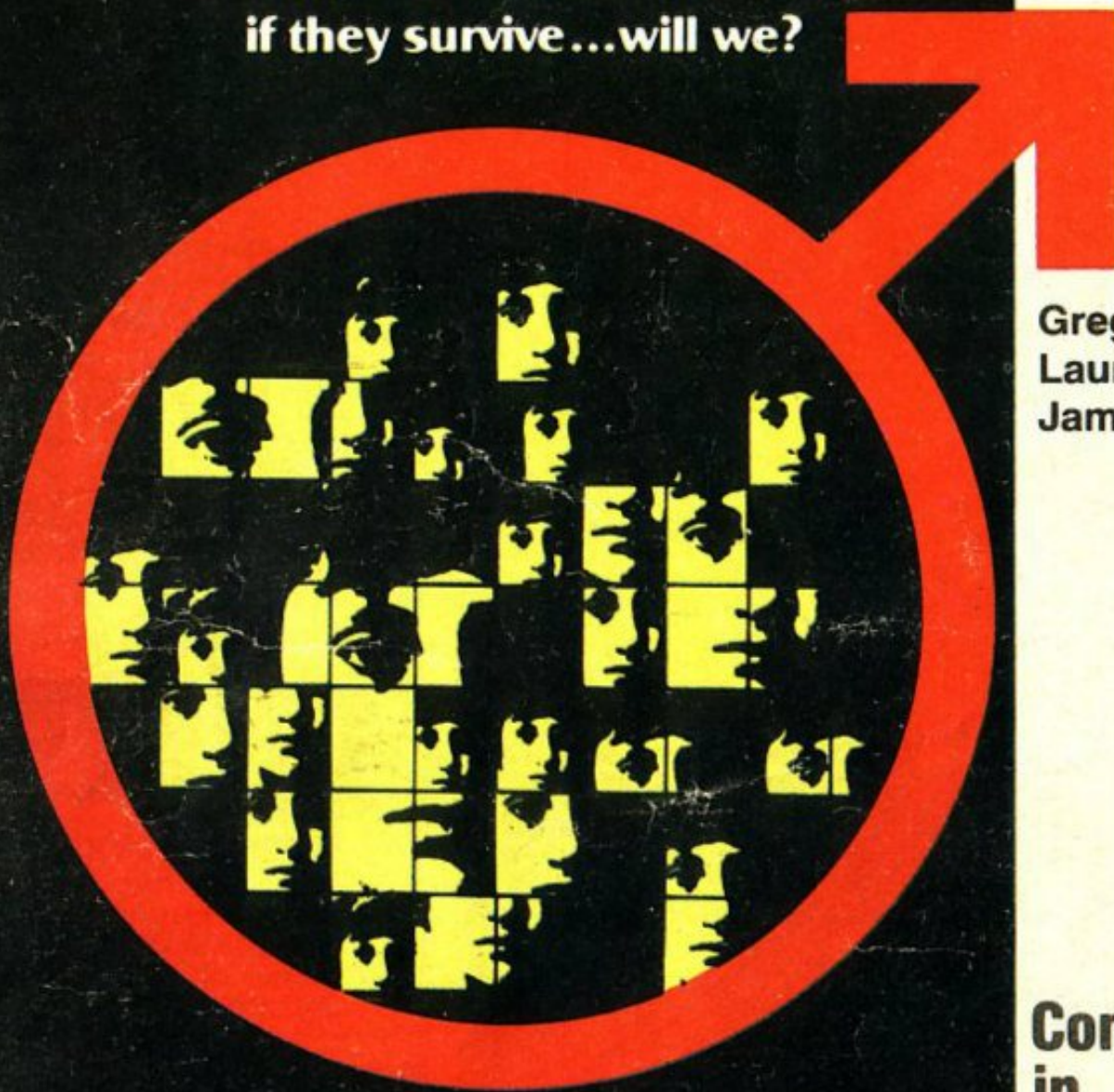
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THE BOYS FROM BRAZIL

if they survive...will we?



Gregory Peck
Laurence Olivier
James Mason

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